

# **ASA Travel Program Committee Meeting Minutes**

April 18, 2018

The Travel Committee (TC) of the Arlington Soccer Association (ASA) held its monthly meeting on April 18, 2018, in the ASA office in Arlington, Virginia.

TC members in attendance (telephonic, listed alphabetically): Mark Churchill, Colleen Cresanti, Alex Deegan, Greg Flatt, Marc Garufi, Jon Gowdy, Sean Hamilton, Justin Hibey, Margaret Liu, Ali Protik, and Sybil Robinson. Staff members in attendance: Frank DeMarco, Lizzy Stell

## **I. Call to Order and Opening Comments**

### **a. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were previously circulated from the March 21, 2018 TC Meeting and comments were fielded. The minutes were approved.

### **b. HR Audit**

An HR audit is scheduled for ASA Staff to develop basic standards for Staff.

## **II. Report on ASA Board Meeting**

ASA Board positions are open. The TC Chairman represents the Travel program as a voting member for the ASA Board elections. TC Member Greg Flatt is on the nomination committee on behalf of the TC.

## **III. Director of Coaching Report**

Assistant Director of Coaching DeMarco reported on season and program developments. The Spring seasons are progressing across all leagues. Tryouts are on the horizon.

US Youth Soccer is announcing a new league to replace current Region I (Eastern Regional League): EDP (based out of New Jersey). Regional leagues will be broken down into sub-regions. This subregion would include VA, MD, DE, and parts of PA. Arlington and Loudoun were both invited and EDP is interested in the entire age range. ASA Staff is contemplating whether to accept and if so, what age groups would participate. EDP would be in addition to the current league options, but be limited to U13 and older.

## **IV. Other Issues**

### **a. League/Program Updates**

ODSL (Justin Hibey) – ODSL's 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter meeting is coming up.

CCL II (Sybil Robinson) – No issues raised.

NCSL (Margaret Liu) – VYSA is changing its registration system. NCSL also updated its website and systems. There is a pending Rules & Discipline proceeding concerning a post-game U16 incident. The ASA team is submitting its written report.

ADP (Alex Deegan) – There have been some referee absences/no-shows. Also, Swanson was lined for 9 v. 9 and not 7 v. 7.

#### **b. Tryout Report**

Colleen Cresanti reported on the status of Travel Tryouts. Some age group chairs remain pending. U10 and older tryout dates were forthcoming.

Lizzy Stell reported on the new registration database (Demosphere). The plan is for the system to be closed 24-48 hours in advance of tryouts. Immediately before tryouts, the registration database will be re-opened and registration will be required. This year, the plan is to use one numbering system across all age groups and genders.

#### **c. Report on Travel Orientation/Information Night**

The inaugural Travel parent orientation session went well. It was staffed by Marc Garufi, Lizzy Stell, and Colleen Cresanti. The majority of issues and questions related to U9/first-time travel parents. However, there were numerous questions concerning the possible extension of ADP to U12.

#### **d. By-Law Changes/Term Change?**

The Chairman presented for discussion the idea of extending some or all of the voting members' terms. The TC also discussed whether to impose term limits. The TC tabled the discussion of term limits. A one-year extension to the current term of the Finance Subcommittee Chair position will be presented for vote to the Program Council.

Still pending is an amendment to the By-Laws related to ADP. Chairman Garufi will address.

#### **e. Matching Grant Program**

A pending question for the TC was what happens if there is leftover money from the Matching Grant Program. The Give-Back Program provides up to \$4500 for teams going to Regionals or Nationals (includes both State Cup and President's Cup). The teams, in exchange, will do something for the Club. Chairman Garufi will follow up on the possible issues.

### **V. Issues for Next Meeting**

#### **a. Refund Policy**

Refund policy to be reviewed by Mark Churchill and Marc Garufi.

### **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m. The next meeting will be held on May 16, 2018.